

Appalachicola Jan 24/83

My dear Doctor May

I needed not your postal to remind me that some sort of a message ought to be on the way to you, but I wished to send you the Gonolobi you wanted at the same time and have been too lazy to hunt them up. - After leaving you I went back to Southampton and remained two or three weeks & then returned via Cincinnati & the Cinn. S. R.R. (magnificent scenery over the Cumberland Mts.) to Rome where I soon learned that the gale had played the - well, sad havoc with my property here & I came directly on early in October, only to go through the hardest spell of sickness I ever had. You remember at my first meal with ^{you} I rose and went out that was the commencement of my trouble & ended in complete rejection of food & perfect exhaustion.

I do not & never shall know the cause or pathology of the attack. But I am all right now. Recently through Davenport I heard of your sad accident. Broken claincles are never very good things and rather ticklish for old folks But your pot-hooks are natural so I suppose you ^{are} well through it - All's well that ends well, and now at you. - I send with this the two Gonolobi & some other Ga. M. plants - Not to bother you I have in the list said my say & you can only say Yes or No.

In all your valuable "Contributions" you have never published any thing so valuable to American Botanists as your notes on Aster & Solidago. I have studied ~~it~~ ^{them} like a classic and find the hitherto dark gropings all disapp^{er}ed. Thank you everlastingly.

My sickness delayed the Supplement but it is by this time all done. I have given Wilson a list of names for whom I design copies to be sent but Young & Watson's are not among them, for I have made corrections of the first issue and I desire to give the corrected edition, which will be out as soon as I get estimates of cost to determine whether I or Ivison & Co foot the bill.

Still I am living in the old house alone taking meals at Bill's (Bill Fuller). I rent all but two rooms to a couple of Englishmen who are staying here, as sleeping rooms, which pays my board & I am at no expense. I expect to join Katie in Rome next May or June, and that will be my head quarters for the remainder of my life excepting two or three winter months here. This place has come up rapidly & with a population as large as at any previous period, but I know none of them and care less - My friends are all gone on before!

Bill and Adelina desire to be kindly remembered to you and Mrs. Gray and hope you will some day visit them again - which sentiments are heartily entertained by Yours Very truly

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